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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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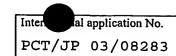


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v.	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1.	Statement				
	Novelty (N)	Claims	5, 6	9	YES
		Claims			NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	5, 6	, 9	YES
		Claims			NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	5, 6	, 9	YES
		Claims		·	NO NO

### 2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: EP 1085484 A (Pioneer Electronic Corporation

et al.), 21 March 2001, entire text

Document 2: JP 2001-251688 A (Makoto Sarutani), 14

September 2001, entire text

Document 3: JP 2001-280992 A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 10 October

2001, entire text

#### Claims 5 and 6

The invention set forth in claims 5 and 6 is not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the international search report, and is therefore novel. In particular, the feature wherein "the guide path calculation step makes calculations giving priority to footpaths... with similar physical information" is not disclosed in any of the documents.

#### Claim 9

The invention set forth in claim 9 is not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the international search report, and is therefore novel.